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1. PLENARY SESSION JUNE 9 LARGELY OCCUPIED WITH CLARIFICATION OF \$200 MILLION ARAB FUND DISCUSSED PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL A). ACCORDING

TO OAU SPOKESMAN (REFTEL B), OAU HAS NOW COLLECTED U.S. \$130 MILLION (VICE U.S. \$100 MILLION ANNOUNCED JUNE 8) OF TOTAL U.S. \$200 MILLION. SPOKESMAN STATES OAU WILL REQUEST ARAB LEAGUE TO AGREE THAT TOTAL FUND, INCLUDING REPAYMENTS, REMAIN ON DEPOSIT INDEFINITELY WITH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. OAU IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"OPTIMISTIC" THAT ARABS WILL AGREE. CM HAS APPEALED TO AFRICAN

OIL PRODUCERS TO CONTRIBUTE, AND CONGO HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. (COMMENT: THIS PUTS PRESSURE ON NIGERIA.) COMMITTEE OF SEVEN AND AFRICAN OIL IMPORTERS WILL MEET SOON TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF FUND, BEARING IN MIND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF LANDLOCKED AND DROUGHT-STRICKEN STATES.

- 2. COMMENT: IF ARAB LEAGUE AGREES, TRANSFER OF MONIES TO ADB WILL BE IN EFFECT A GRANT OF U.S. \$200 MILLION TO OAU. NO AUTHORITATIVE BREAKDOWN OF ARAB DONORS TO FUND IS AVAILABLE, BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS LIBYA MAY HAVE BEEN LATEST DONOR OF U.S. \$30 MILLION.
- 3. OAU SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT OAU WILL HAVE NO REPEAT NO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER PROPOSED ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR AFRICA
- 4. OAU SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT CM HAS DECIDED TO GRANT GUINEABISSAU ONE MILLION POUNDS STERLING (IN ADDITION TO EARLIER OAU GRANTS). HE ALSO SAID THAT GUINEA-BISSAU FONMIN HAS CLARIFIED TO OAU THAT STATE OF GUINEA-BISSAU, RECOGNIZED BY OVER 80 STATES, COVERS MAINLAND ONLY. PAIGC AS POLITICAL PARTY, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. PORTUGUESE-PAIGC NEGOTIATIONS WILL SHIFT LATER THIS WEEK TO ALGIERS FROM LONDON.
- 5. ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE AROSE FOR FIRST TIME THIS SESSION WHEN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION COMPLAINED TO JUNE 9 PLENARY SESSION ABOUT OFFENSIVE PASSAGES IN BOOK MADE AVAILABLE TO OAU DELEGATES BY SOMALI INFORMATION SERVICE. WE UNDERSTAND SOMALI AUTHORITIES QUICKLY WITHDREW BOOK FROM CIRCULATION. KIRK

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